



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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VIA EMAIL

March 10, 2016

Thomas Matsuda
Hawaii Department of Agriculture
Pesticides Branch
1428 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Reference:
HDOA-FY16-AgUse-01
Priority: High

Dear Mr. Matsuda:

On January 20, 2016, EPA understands that a high level episode occurred at Syngenta Seed, LLC in Kekeha, Kauai. We also understand that this incident possibly involved over 30 workers who entered a field that was under an active re-entry interval. This letter is a request for a follow-up for-cause Worker Protection Standard inspection to be conducted at Syngenta Seed, LLC, pursuant to the requirements under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).

Prior to scheduling the inspection, the HDOA inspector should contact Scott McWhorter, US EPA Region 9 for instructions. Please make contact with Inspector McWhorter by March 16, 2016, at (415)972-3584. If you have any questions regarding this Special Request, please contact me at (415)947-4213.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mary Grisier".

Mary Grisier
HI Pesticide Project Officer

Cc: Patti TenBrook (LND-2-2)
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